

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for supplying and sanitizing the water line of a dental unit comprises the following: at least one second branch connected and leading into a first branch which supplies a second disinfectant /  
sterilizing fluid into a main line, the second branch and the main line being equipped with respective second and third shutoff elements designed to supply the first  
branch with the first fluid and with the second fluid alternately and as required; a first container for  
holding handpieces during sterilization, disinfection, flushing or cleaning of the water line; and switching means connected to control means that can be operated manually or automatically upon the occurrence of  
defined events on the dental unit and designed to  
determine successive manual or automatic operating combinations and/or sequences that may be repeated two or more times during which the first, second and third shutoff elements are opened and closed in such a way as  
to perform cycles of treatment on the first branch with the first fluid and/or alternatively with the second fluid conveyed by the second branch. [Figure 1]